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Application No: GB0407343.3
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Patents Act 1977 Examination Report under Section 18(3)

Basis of the examination

1. My examination has taken account of the amendments filed with your agent's letter of 3 June 2005.

Novelty

1. The invention as defined in claims 1 and 17 at least is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following document:

WO 2002/095611A2 (PHILIPS)

2. Although PHILIPS describes the anticipation of music selection, lines 16-18 of page 9 explain that the invention described can be applied to other media frames. As such, the invention defined by claims 1 and 17 at least of the present application is not novel.
3. Care should be taken when amending to overcome this Novelty objection to ensure that any future amended claims are both Novel and Inventive over the prior art. Merely incorporating features of the present dependent claims into the independent claims may not necessarily achieve this.

Conflict with a corresponding PCT patent application

3. This application appears to be similar to your international patent application published under number WO 2004/090898, having the same priority date and designating GB (European Patent). If patents granted on these two applications relate to the same invention, the Comptroller will in due course revoke the patent granted on the present application unless **either** you amend the present specification to remove the conflict **or**, before the date of grant of the present application under Section 25(1), you begin proceedings to surrender the European patent(UK). Of course if the GB designation is withdrawn before the grant of the European patent, no action will be required under Section 73(2).